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Minot Canfield Morgan Jr., at 32 one of the youngest mayors in the Borough's 133 years of corporate existence and one of the handful of New Jersey Democrats to ride 1945's Republican tide. The son and grandson of Princeton-educated Presbyterian clergymen, the mayor first saw Nassau Street as a dink-wearing freshman, liked what he saw and has since never left. A graduate of Princeton, B.A., 1935, he turned his back on publishing aspirations, for five years proved his versatility as a teacher at the Hun Junior School, leapfrogged back to the campus in 1940 to become an assistant to Deans Gauss and Root.

An avowed Democrat since undergraduate days, Morgan voted four times for FDR and entered the political arena as a worker at the polls. From 1941 until 1945 he occupied simultaneously five positions in the university administration and his associates now estimate that he provided sound, personalized counsel for more than 5,000 service-bound Princetonians. With the primary mission of directing the Bureau of Student Employment, the mayor continues to make his work his hobby by holding three other time-consuming university portfolios.

As manager of the Democrats' aggressive campaign of 1944, Morgan was instrumental in launching the local New Deal. Contrary to the wishes of his Republican wife, who packs a community wallop as President of the Princeton Service League, he accepted his party's mayoralty tap a year ago and last November, with two vote-getting running-mates, terminated a decade of Republican supremacy. Morgan's political goal is cooperative effort: the Borough and Township working shoulder to shoulder. He looks to the long anticipated birth of a Joint Planning Board (Borough and Township) to help solve town problems poised by the housing shortage, through-town traffic, the dearth of recreational facilities.

For translating into action his conviction that famine-haunted Europeans must be helped, for the promise displayed by his coalition administration, for refusing to inject personality issues into Borough politics, for upholding the best in town and gown traditions, he is **TOWN TOPICS'** candidate for

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Firehouse Location Debated. One of the knottiest problems currently confronting the often-harassed mayor and council is the debate over the site for the new \$62,500 firehouse planned for Princeton Engine Company No. 1. In a nutshell, the southern corner of Hamilton Avenue and Chestnut Street was selected two years ago this Spring, the property transferred by the Westminster Choir College to the Borough and blueprints drawn for this specific site. Now No. 1 members and others are asking to have the new structure rise on the site of the present building, located on Chestnut near Nassau.

It sums up this way: The firemen, with Walter Coan as spokesman, have petitioned the Borough to retain the present site, buy the adjacent lot (which is owned by former mayor Joseph S. Hoff). Mr. Coan estimates that \$7,000 to \$10,000 can be saved in building costs by such a move.

Some fourscore residents of the neighborhood near the proposed Hamilton Avenue site have also petitioned that the new firehouse arise where the present one now stands. They predict devaluation of their property and an adverse effect upon the company's highly valued volunteer spirit if the move occurs.

Mayor Morgan has countered with the fact that \$3,800 has already been spent on planning for the new location—\$1,800 in acquiring the land, \$2,000 in architect's blueprints. The latter, he asserts, must be virtually scrapped if the change is made, since they were drawn specifically for the Hamilton Avenue lot.

But—the Borough is willing to be shown that a net saving can still re-

sult from the move. Councilman Michael C. Kopliner, building committee head, and Borough Attorney Edgar S. Smith will confer with representatives of the fire company and the property owners.

Another angle, still unsolved: Will the bond issue underwriting the firehouse so bind the Borough that it can build only on the Hamilton Avenue site? Estimated cost of rescinding and reissuing the bonds is \$1,000, plus the fact that interest rates today are approximately 1.75 percent in contrast to the eye-opening .9 percent obtained two Springs ago.

Widow's Fund. Approximately \$1,470 was contributed by Princetonians to the fund started for Mrs. Walter B. Harris by the Princeton Police Reserves. The sum has been credited to her account at the First National Bank by John W. Traegler, treasurer for the campaign.

In Trenton's county jail, the three men who have been held in connection

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Sunday, March 24th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 a. m.:

Mass at St. Paul's Church

11:00 a.m.:

"Christ, Our Intercessor," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles, First Presbyterian Church
"Sword of Simon Peter," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker, Second Presbyterian Church

Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church

"Matter," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist

"Lift Up Your Hearts," the Rev. Lynn H. Corson, Methodist Church

Sermon, the Rev. William T. Parker, First Baptist Church

"Fellowship of Duty," the Rev. James S. Brown, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
Sermon, the Rev. Thomas Jenkins, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, at the Community Center, Witherspoon Street

University Chapel Service, University Preacher, Dean Robert R. Wicks, Princeton University Chapel

7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church

8:00 p.m.: "The Bible as the Guide of Life," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Borough Board of Education, Princeton High School

Wednesday, March 27th

5:00 p.m.: Professor W. Albert Noyes, President-elect American Chemical Society and Chairman Department of Chemistry at University of Rochester, "Chemistry for the Armed Forces," second in series of six Vanuxem Lectures, Frick Auditorium, University Campus

8:00 p.m.: "Janie," 3-act comedy, presented by Princeton High School, Princeton HS Auditorium

Lenten Service, the Rev. Henry Darling-ton, Church of The Heavenly Rest, New York City, Trinity Episcopal Church

"The Life of Love," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church

Preparatory Communion Service, Second Presbyterian Church

"In Quest of The Kingdom," the Rev. Paul Friedrich, Methodist Church

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting, First Baptist Church

Thursday, March 28th

8:00 p.m.: "Essentials of Indian Culture," Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor Benares Hindu University, McCosh 46, University Campus

"Janie", presented by Princeton High School, Princeton HS Auditorium

Friday, March 29th

8:00 p.m.: "Janie" presented by Princeton High School, Princeton HS Auditorium

Saturday, March 30th

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	W.	L.
Lions Club	20	4
No Stars	16	8
Tiger Garage	14	10
Snafus	14	10
Goldbricks	11	13
Dutch Neck	11	13
Railway	6	18
Princeton	4	20

Girls League

	W.	L.
Roll O	14	7
Rockettes	12	9
Pin Ups	12	9
Woodpeckers	12	9
Timberwolves	9	12
Firecrackers	4	17

RCA League

	Pts.		Pts.
Drafting	27	Big Six	18
Guards	26	Eng. No. 1	18
Eng. No. 2	25	Atoms	15
Gold	25	Wire	15
Office	25	Avengers	12
Chumps	21	Maint.	10



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with her husband's death are still to come before the grand jury. Each was originally charged with murder in the first degree, but the belief in informed quarters here is that the prosecutor will reduce this to second degree murder in the case of the defendant whom police think shot and killed Patrolman Harris. His companions seem likely to face charges of atrocious assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons. Lack of premeditation is believed too obvious to substantiate first degree murder.

Blind Veteran. Fourteen months ago, John K. Dupress was a sergeant with the 30th Division battling his way into

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Adventure (Friday, Saturday) presents Clark Gable and Greer Garson in a rowdy, fast-moving picture which blends humor, action and romance. Both principals give good performances, with their acting ability a greater credit to the film than the rough and tumble but somewhat routine story. Thomas Mitchell heads the supporting cast in a picture which maintains interest throughout.

Road to Utopia (All Week). Singapore, Zanzibar and Morocco all lured Bob Hope and Bing Crosby previously; now they have moved into Utopia via Alaska. Ice floes, snowdrifts and blizzards fail to daunt the happy-go-lucky pair, who cavort their way through another good comedy made better by Mr. Crosby's inimitable singing. Dorothy Lamour is on hand, too, sarong changed to furs in deference to the weather.

The Garden

The Prisoner of Zenda (Friday, Saturday). The mythical kingdom of this charming novel has twice provided the setting for a pleasing film; once in 1924 and again a decade later. This is the 1934 offering, featuring Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll. Obviously but nonetheless pleasantly dated by age, the film's duelling, romancing and adventuring are still good entertainment.

Colonel Effingham's Raid (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) features Charles Coburn as a Southerner who tangles with a bunch of crooked politicians in a small Georgia town. The constant battling between them is interestingly told, although missed opportunities for real comedy-drama are occasionally obvious. Joan Bennett and William Eythe are well cast as newspaper reporters.

The Man from Oklahoma (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). Roy Rogers' latest, a tuneful musical of the western variety. Pleasant and easy-going throughout.

The McCarter

Woman Bites Dog (Friday, Saturday). Kermit Bloomgarden, who presented the smash hit "Deep Are the Roots" here last September, is bringing the latest Sam and Bella Spewack comedy to Princeton this weekend. A journalistic setting has been accorded this offering, which tells of the problems created for

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Germany when a burst of shrapnel took off his left arm at the elbow and cost him the sight of both eyes. Today, he is a freshman at Princeton planning to major in psychology.

Mr. Dupress uses no dog to help him because he feels it would lessen his ability to depend upon himself. Rather, he finds his way alone about the campus through knowledge of the paths and buildings gained from a relief map specially constructed for him. Then, too, there is the ever-faithful "Elmer." "Elmer" is his cane.

An acutely-developed sense of sound, which gives him the proximity of people, buildings and traffic is one of his greatest assets. The ringing of Nassau Hall bell while he is on his way to class is something of a problem because it shuts off other familiar noises. For example, he knows when he is passing Murray-Dodge Hall because of the sound the air ventilator makes.

The cheerful young undergraduate stays on the campus most of the time, rarely ventures along Nassau Street. "When I do go there," he says, "people notice me and naturally they all want to help. I can cross the street perfectly well myself, but when they offer assistance, I let them, so I won't hurt their feelings."

Our Unprincipled Predecessor. Once upon a time, so the story goes, there was another publication called Town Topics. It was founded in 1892 and lasted for some thirty years before reaching a timely end.

Its contents were for the greater part jibes at contemporary citizens of both good and bad reputation. The commentary varied from the amusing to the spicy to the vitriolic. In selecting the same name for their new publication, the editors of this periodical intend to have the similarity between them end with the masthead.

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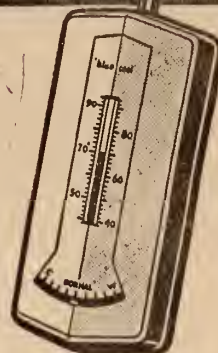
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Canine Consumers. The late Miss Charlotte Wilbur, one of the animal world's greatest friends, has left the Borough \$1,000 to build and maintain a drinking fountain for dogs. Council President J. Dayton Voorhees has ascertained that the annual water bill for a fountain that is left constantly running will be in excess of \$100.

However, he has been further advised that the type of fountain equipped with a foot pedal, pressure upon which brings a fresh drink, costs but \$3 to \$6 annually. The challenge to an economy-minded governing body is great: can man's best friend, happy-go-lucky beast that he is, be trained to push the paw pedal properly, thus paring Princeton's expenditures precipitously?

Attention, Community Players! James W. Russell '48, Oxford, Pa., is the first recipient of an award from the Warfield Scholarship Fund, established at Princeton University in memory of the late Richard W. Warfield '30, former administrator of University Scholarships, by classmates and friends. A large contribution to the fund was made by the Community Players in 1944, when all the profits of "Pygmalion" were contributed toward the Warfield Scholarship. The late Marine captain was a charter member of the Players.

Moving Day Again. The Joseph Henry House, situated on the north-east corner of the campus, may be moved shortly for the third time since it was built in 1836. The new site is still undetermined, may be 400 feet to the west.

In 1870, Reunion Hall nudged it eastward to a spot between the Marquand Chapel and Dickinson Hall. Those two structures burned in 1920 on either side of the former home of the famous scientist, but it stood intact. Five years later, it was shifted to its present location to make way for the University Chapel.

Fossils Unearthed. The excavation for the new library has yielded a number of interesting pre-historic fossils. De-lighted, Professor Glenn L. Jepsen and Geology Department associates plan to rope off a section of the big pit, hold-on-the-spot classes there. A fortnight will pass before a complete analysis of the findings will be made public, but a rough

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NEWS OF THE THEATRES*(Continued from page five)*

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Murray Theatre

Pride and Prejudice (Friday, Saturday). The dramatized version of the Jane Austen novel is well tested. Miss Fine's School Dramatic Club is presenting this familiar story as its annual offering and may be counted upon to come up with another of its well done performances.

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estimate of some of the pieces has set their age at about two hundred million years.

Miscellany. The Knights of Columbus and Princeton Engine Company No. 1 are planning joint sponsorship of a nine-day carnival starting May 24. . . . half a year away, the November councilmanic elections look to be close, but the burden of proof still rests on the Democrats despite last year's upset. . . . this is so simply because there aren't enough registered Democrats in the Borough to elect a candidate, who must poll a sizable independent vote from the G.O.P. lists if he is to win. . . .lineups just before the primary deadline: J. Dayton Voorhees and George R. Griffing for the Republicans, David R. Winans and John P. Servis for the Democrats.

Hope is running high that the two new, \$14,000 fire engines will be on hand for the fire department's annual inspection in June. . . . painting of lines for the new 35-degree angle parking on the north side of Nassau Street, due to start any day, will decrease the number of spaces by one in eight but will ease the motorist's problem in getting in and out . . . the change is a welcome one.

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